

REMARKS

In the August 19, 2005 Office Action, the examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Powell 2003/0222447. The examiner also rejected claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Cook et al. 6,668,471. Claims 2, 4-7, 10-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims have been amended. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2, now cancelled. Claims 4, 7 and 10 have each been rewritten in independent form to define patentable subject matter as found in paragraph 5 of the August 19, 2005 Office Action. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 4. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to be dependent from amended claim 1. Claim 12 has also been amended to clear a typographical error. Dependent claims 1 and 3-12 remain unchanged in the application.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks, the applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1 and 3-12 and passage of this application to issue. A clean copy of the claims is enclosed for the convenience of the examiner.

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